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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as shown below:

Please amend the paragraph on 4 that begins with line 16 to read as follows:

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a system with management controllers that are adapted to perform a mode negotiation protocol according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 1 shows a system 100 that may be any type of electronic system such as a general purpose computer system, special purpose computer system, etc. System 100 contains four modules 110, 120, 130, and 140 which may be, for